



October 5-6, 2024

Pentecost 20

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you  
with our lips, but have harmed our  
neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause  
conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first we make distinctions  
among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of  
eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"**

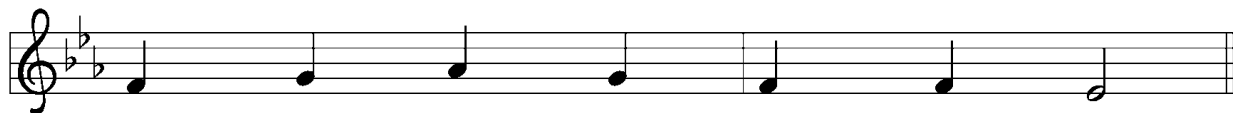
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1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the  
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our  
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we  
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful  
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,  
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing  
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;  
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:  
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.  
all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
set us free and grant us peace.  
make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

**\*GREETING**

page 98 (in front of the hymnal)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

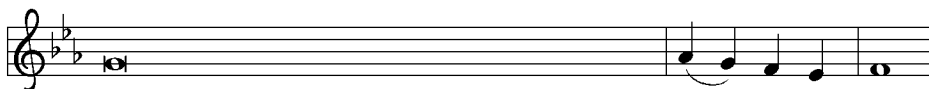
# \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



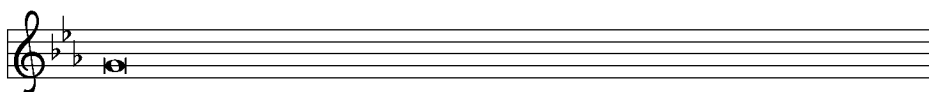
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



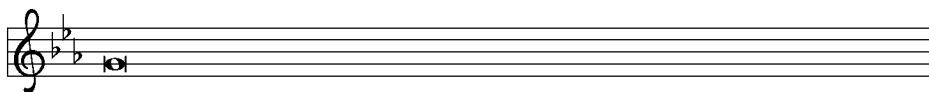
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**READING**                      Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues with the melody for the next two phrases: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests, and are accompanied by lyrics written below the staff.

**\*GOSPEL**

Mark 10:2-16

The Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."  
<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON**

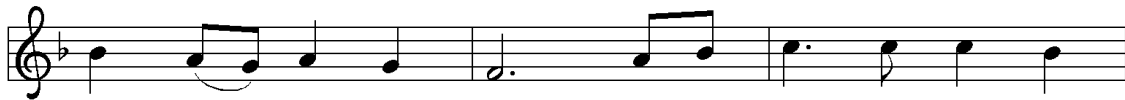




1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **\*PRAYERS**

P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. Be present with those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Kathy and Errol. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Mabel and Camille as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

### **MISSION MOMENT**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**      page 112 (*in front of hymnal*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

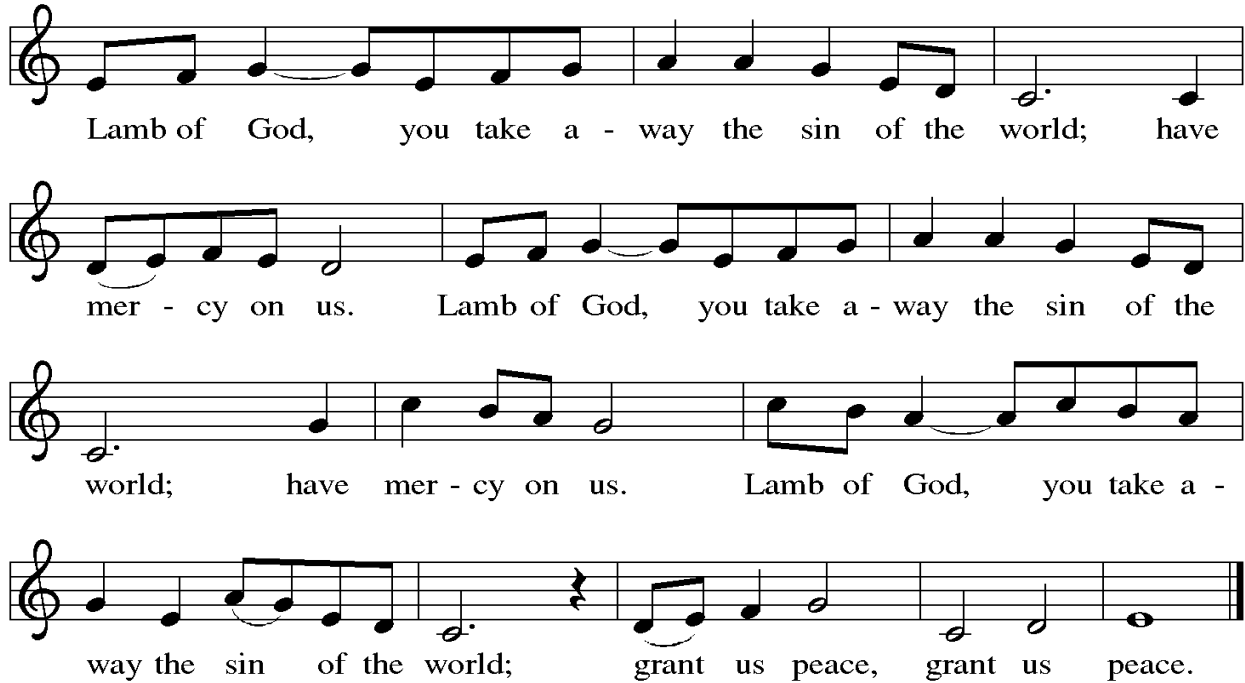
Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

## AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"One Bread, One Body"  
"Eat This Bread"

#496  
#472

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### \*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his/ their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **Amen.**

### \*BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"Before the Waters Nourished Earth"**

ACS 1049



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -  
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of  
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows  
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the  
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in  
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's  
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.  
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.  
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.  
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

**\*DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Layla Kneifl
Communion Assistant	Chad Vick
Welcoming Team	Jon & Maryrose Hetland
	<b>8 a.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Quinn Maki
Communion Assistant	Lynette Ender
Welcoming Team	Maki Family
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Worship Assistant	Easton Massman
Communion Assistant	Gillian Twite
Welcoming Team	Stugen Family
Home Communion	Ilene Pavelko
Altar Guild for October	Cindy Averbeck/Jaime Fortier

**CARD MINISTRY** - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Kathy Brisson and Errol Kindschy. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

## CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS

**Wednesday, October 9**

4:15 pm – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade leave for ConFest

6 pm – 6<sup>th</sup> grade class



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Workshop** *Sunday, October 6* *1:00-2:30 PM*

Parents and students gather for class. Students will receive their Bibles in worship on Sunday, **October 20**.

**PERU TRIP FOLLOW UP** - Join us Sunday, **October 6** between services to hear all about the LaCrosse Area Synod delegation's trip to Peru. It was an exciting and meaningful time for the group. Hear about the relationships that were formed not only with the people of Peru, but also with our companions from Texas who also were on the trip, the ministry of the IL-P, and an exciting new opportunity for ministry.

Missy Erickson will be back with us to share a short update during each worship service October 5-6 and then spend more time between services on Sunday to share a more in-depth report.





## **Hungry Jar Offering for October Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)**

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

From wildfires on the Hawaiian Island of Maui, to tornadoes, hurricanes, and severe storms ... people's lives have been forever changed and LDR is there to help them rebuild. Right now, LDR is on the ground in the Eastern U.S. assisting with food, water, shelter, and essential supplies in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.



**Coffee & Conversation at Linda's Bakery  
9:30 AM on Tuesday, October 8**

### **SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE**

Help support Our Savior's Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger!



Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, and Woodman's.

### **CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY**



- is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We have been busy. If you care to donate we need Spam and Bush's Beans. We also could use things for our "extra" shelf like cake/brownie/muffin mixes, frosting and pancake mix & syrup. Monetary donations help provide hamburger for each household. Thank you to all who have supported our efforts to help those with food insecurity.



## *When in Our Music God is Glorified Concert*

*Sunday, October 13 at 3:30 PM*

Join us as we pull out all the stops and hear what our new organ can do. In addition to the organ, the senior choir and handbell choir will also share music. Stay after for refreshments and a time of fellowship!

# Worship with the Bishop

LaCrosse Area Synod Bishop Felix Malpica will join us for worship on **October 19-20**. Stay for coffee fellowship between services for a chance to chat with the Bishop!  
SOS will lead worship ... the Senior Choir sings at 8 and the Sunday School children sing at 10:30 AM!



**NEW MEMBER CLASS** -If you are interested in joining Our Savior's...or if you are just looking to brush up on faith and church...come and join Pastor Jon's new member class in October!

**October 13-20-27 & November 3**

*Between services @ 9:15 AM*

*Koinonia room – bring your coffee and goodies!*

## Cookies for LuMin

Lutheran Campus Ministry of the LaCrosse Area Synod traditionally shares cookies in the square on the campus of UW-L every Wednesday during the school year. Congregations of the Synod are asked to sign up for a week to provide these cookies – 500 (42 dozen)!!



**We are signed up for Wednesday, October 30th.** We are inviting members of the congregation to

- ♥ bake a batch (or two) of your favorite cookies
- ♥ put them in plastic bags with a dozen in each bag
- ♥ and bring them to church (there's a box in the Gathering Area) **no later than Sunday, October 27.**

We will make sure the cookies get down to campus.



## Norwegian Dinner & Bake Sale

November 2, 2024

3:30 to 6:30 pm

**WE NEED YOU!**  
**TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**

To make this work ... ***we need your help!*** Sign-up in the Gathering Area. Be sure to sign-up early to get your favorite job.

Why sign up to help? To make a difference! Remember, all the profits go to support ministries and programs that change people's lives – a great way to live out your calling as a disciple of Jesus.

**Check out our new social media pages and keep up on what's going on, including livestreaming of worship ...**



New Facebook Page - Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem

New Instagram Page – oursaviors\_ws

New YouTube Channel (for livestream and recording of worship) -

[youtube.com/@techoslca](https://www.youtube.com/@techoslca)

Check out the October newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.